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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECIPIENTS

The following pen and page changes to DoD 6055.6-M, "Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program," December 1995, are authorized:

PEN CHANGES

Page i, paragraph 4. Change "Crystal Park #5, Suite 600>2451 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202" to "Washington, D.C. 20301-3400"

Page ii, lines 8 and 9. Change "condition of employment for GS-081 civilian employees, military firefighters, and contract firefighters" to "qualification standard as outlined in the Office of Personnel Management Operating Manual for General Schedule Positions. This requirement applies to GS-081 civilian employees, and military and contract firefighters. DoD Components must satisfy their bargaining obligations with unions under U.S.C. Chapter 71 prior to implementing any changes generated by this Manual."

Page iii, TABLE OF CONTENTS, Chapter 2 --, PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Delete "paragraph E, Initial Certification, Page 2-3"
Change paragraph "F" to "E"

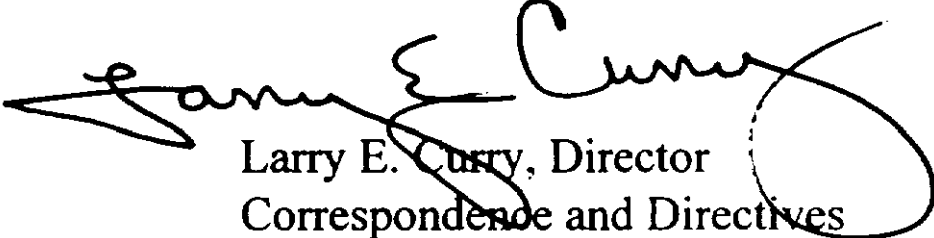
PAGE CHANGES

Remove: Pages 2-3 and 2-4

Insert: Attached replacement pages

Changes appear on pages 2-3 and 2-4 and are indicated by marginal change bars.

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<div><div><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></div><div>INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECIPIENTS (continued)</div></div> <p>The above changes are effective one year from date of this publication. To be eligible for promotion to the next higher level, DoD fire and emergency services personnel must become certified at the next higher level within one year from the publishing date of the change to this Manual.</p> <div><p>Larry E. Curry, Director Correspondence and Directives</p></div>		

E. REQUIREMENTS

1. All DoD Firefighters in the GS-081 and other series, including civilian, military and contract fire and emergency services personnel, must be certified at the next higher level before being eligible for promotion to that level. For example, an Assistant Chief of Operations, as a qualification standard, is required to be certified as Fire Officer III, Fire Instructor II, Fire Inspector II and HAZMAT Incident Command. To be eligible for promotion to Fire Chief, the Assistant Chief would have to be certified at these levels plus Fire **Officer** IV.

2. The following certification levels are required for the positions indicated, and individuals must be certified at these levels before being eligible for promotion to these levels and/or positions. Entry-level employees entering the DoD workforce shall have a maximum of 12 months to become certified at these levels.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification Levels</u>
Fire Fighter	Fire Fighter I and II Airport Fire Fighter ¹
Driver and/or Operator	Apparatus Driver and/or Operator for Pumper ARFF ² Aerials' Tillers'
Lead Fire Fighter (Crew Chief)	Fire Officer I Fire Instructor I Fire Inspector I
Fire Inspector	Fire Inspector I and I Fire Instructor I
Station Chief	Fire Officer II Fire Instructor I HAZMAT Incident Command

¹ Not required for fire locations without a flying mission. However, if the individual relocates to an activity with a flying mission, the individual will have to become certified at that level.

²Not required if the activity does not have these vehicles.

Position**Certification Levels**

Assistant Chief (Operations)

Fire Officer III
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Command

Assistant Chief (Training)

Fire Officer III
Fire Instructor III
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Command

Assistant Chief (Fire Prevention)

Fire Officer III
Fire Inspector III
Fire Instructor II
HAZMAT Incident CommandAssistant Chief (Operations/Readiness
and Logistics)Fire Officer IV
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Command

Fire Chief

Fire Officer IV
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident CommandFire Protection Specialist at Component
Headquarters and Major CommandFire **Officer** IV
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II